all levels and wishes to address all outstanding issues in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner. Both sides agreed that it is important to continue the development of trade relations and defence exchanges.

INDONESIA

EAM visited Jakarta from 30th June, 2004 to 2nd July, 2004 to **attend** the **ASEAN** Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting. He held bilateral meetings with his counterparts, Foreign Ministers of Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand to discuss matters concerning bilateral cooperation. An MoU between India and Indonesia on Combating International Terrorism was signed on 2nd July, 2004.

SINGAPORE

EAM visited Singapore on 3rd July, 2004. He had meetings with the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Senior Minister of Singapore. The discussions covered bilateral issues such as trade and investment, defence, counter-terrorism, and regional and international issues of mutual interest.

(c) During the EAM's talks with the Foreign Minister of China in Qingdao, China, the Chinese Foreign Minister welcomed the Indian government's decision to nominate National Security Advisor, Shri J.N. Dixit, as India's Special Representative for discussions on the boundary issue. The third meeting of Special Representatives is expected to take place in the near future.

FBI report on murder of Daniel Pearl

940. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the FBI report that the murder of Daniel Pearl in Pakistan had some link with the hijacking of IC-814; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Following the kidnapping and killing of the Wall Street Journal Reporter Daniel Pearl in Pakistan, media stories in February, 2002 reported that FBI investigators had identified two key suspects, Mohammed Hashim Qadir, known to be a

member of a terrorist group that hijacked IC-814 in 1999 and Sheikh Omar Saeed who was freed from prison in India following the hijacking of IC-814.

(b) Details of ongoing investigative matters by intelligence agencies in the United States are not available in the public realm as is the case in other countries, including India.

Monitoring of functioning of Indian Embassies

941. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system of monitoring the functioning of Indian Embassies/High Commissions abroad;

(b) if so, the details of latest study/review conducted in this regard;

(c) whether it has been found that Indian Embassy abroad, do not take-up the causes/grievances of Indians working abroad with the respective local Governments; and

(d) whether Government would look into this matter and take necessary steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The functioning of the Indian Embassies/High Commissions is reviewed by the Ministry on a continuous basis in the context of our overall national interests and in the backdrop of stated goals and objectives of the Government in respect of that country. Ministry reviews the functioning of the Missions/Posts abroad through various reports sent by the Missions such as annual assessment reports, special dispatches sent from time to time and regular reports on political, commercial, cultural matters etc., visits by senior officers from the Ministry, reports of audits of the Missions carried out by CAG's office on financial matters, and feedback received from visiting delegations to that country.

(b) The Ministry of External Affairs has also created a Foreign Service Inspectorate since February, 2004 to carry out 'Performance Audit' of Indian Missions/Posts abroad, which encompasses not only overall functioning of the Missions/Posts keeping in mind the overall national interest of the country, but also performance of the individual officers posted in the Missions/Posts. Prior to creation of the Foreign Service